



Washington State Department of Agriculture ➔ Endangered Species Program Newsletter

## Court order on buffer zones expected soon

U.S. District Court Judge John Coughenour was expected to issue an order to have buffer zones to protect salmonids in place for next year's crop season by Nov. 30. Affected parties now anticipate that the order will be issued as soon as next week.

The November date was put forth in the proposed orders for interim relief submitted by EPA, CropLife America and Washington Toxics Coalition to allow affected agricultural interests time to complete pesticide applications prior to crop harvest.

As soon as the ruling is made, WSDA will notify newsletter subscribers by e-mail and post the final order on the Endangered Species Program web page. The proposed orders for interim relief and supporting documentation are available on the web page now at [agr.wa.gov/PestFert/EnvResources/Lawsuit.htm](http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/EnvResources/Lawsuit.htm). ➔

## WSDA responds to EPA questions about ESA outreach activities

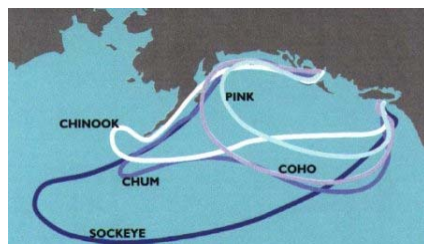
At the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee meeting Oct. 29 in Arlington, VA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) asked a stakeholder panel how they could help EPA keep the public informed and involved in ESA-related issues. WSDA Endangered Species Program Manager Bridget Moran responded, "EPA should continue to use established lines of communication – growers organizations and state agencies."

Moran commented that state agencies are also available to assist in the development of the EPA Endangered Species Protection Program (ESPP). She encouraged EPA to employ programs like the WSDA Endangered Species Program to implement the ESPP. She highlighted WSDA's ability to develop and employ Washington state crop maps, crop and pesticide use summaries and geo-databases to provide real and accurate information on which EPA may base its ESA decisions. "There are great things that are possible (for the protection of endangered species) if there is support," Moran added.

Moran was the state agency representative on the panel which included representatives from the environmental community (American Bird Conservation), growers (American Farm Bureau) and chemical manufacturers (Syngenta Crop Protection).

The Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee, established in 1995, provides a forum for a diverse group of stakeholders to provide feedback to the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs on pesticide regulatory, policy and program implementation issues. ➔

## Fish facts: How far do they go?



Ocean tagging has shown that most Pacific salmon spend their sea-lives within the boundaries shown on this map. A few adventurous fish have ranged further – a sockeye tagged as a mature fish at 177 degrees West was recovered in the Nass River in the same year, and a sockeye tagged as an immature fish at 177 degrees East was recovered in Rivers Inlet two years later. These exceptional fish had respec-

tive ranges of approximately 3,300 miles and 3,900 miles. ➔

Information and map courtesy of BC Salmon Marketing Council.



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## QUESTIONS?

For more information about the Endangered Species Program, visit our Web site at [agr.wa.gov/PestFert/EnvResources/EndangSpecies.htm](http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/EnvResources/EndangSpecies.htm)

We welcome your input. Please send your comments and questions to the WSDA Endangered Species Program at [esp@agr.wa.gov](mailto:esp@agr.wa.gov)

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